IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.2656 OF 2007

The State (C.B.I.) ..Applicant
V/s
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondent.

Mr. Pradeep D. Gharat, Advocate for the applicant.
Mr. D.P. Adsule, APP for the State.
Mr. Samudrala for respondent Nos. 2,3,4 and 7.

CORAM : J.H. BHATIA, J.
DATE : 13TH APRIL, 2007.

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. Heard Mr.Gharat, learned Counsel for the applicant-CBI and Mr. Samudrala learned Counsel for respondents No.2,3,4 and 7.

2. This application is made by C.B.I., investigating agency in Crime No. 274/1999 registered with Mira Road Police Station, Dist. Thane. After investigation the charge-sheet was filed against the respondents and presently that case is pending before the Sessions Court Thane and it is registered as Sessions Case No. 460/2005. One of the accused Abdul Karim Telgi is presently detained in Yerwada Jail, Pune and he is facing large number of cases pertaining fake stamps in Maharashtra and outside Maharashtra. He is

put in Z Security. According to Mr. Gharat, it is not possible for his physical production before the different courts because of security reasons. At Bombay arrangement has been made by recording of evidence by Video Conferencing and such facility is not available in Thane Court. According to him, this case, may be transferred from Thane to Bombay, so that the trial may proceed further. Mr. Samudrala, learned Counsel for the respondents has no objection for the same.

3. Taking into consideration the circumstances, I find that it will be convenient not only for the prosecution but also for the accused persons, if the case is transferred to Bombay. It is material to note that except two accused persons, who are presently in Yerwada Central Jail, Pune, all other accused are residents of Bombay.

4. Therefore, in the interest of justice and for convenience the Sessions Case No. 460/2005 along with earlier Sessions case No.116/2002 are hereby withdrawn from the file of Sessions Court, Thane and is made over to the file of Mr. U.D. Salvi, learned Additional Sessions Judge, Greater Bombay for trial and disposal as

per law.

(J.H. BHATIA, J.)